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### APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET A. DROSTE AS ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

It is with pride and pleasure that the members of the Missouri State Board of Nursing announce the appointment of Miss Margaret A. Droste, R.N., as Associate Executive Secretary effective July 21, 1969.

Miss Droste received her basic nursing education at St. John's Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, received a bachelors degree in nursing from St. Louis University and a masters of science degree in Medical-Surgical Nursing from Washington University.

Miss Droste has had experience as a staff nurse, instructor, and assistant director of a diploma school. Her position prior to joining the staff of the Board of Nursing was Chairman, Department of Nursing, Mercy Junior College, St. Louis.

Miss Droste has been active in the professional organizations. Currently she holds the office of President of the Missouri League for Nursing, is a member of the Executive Committee of Missouri Nursing Futurama and has recently served as an accreditation visitor, Department of Associate Degree Programs, National League for Nursing.

Mrs. Judith James, R.N., who joined the staff on a temporary, part-time basis pending the appointment of a full-time Associate Executive Secretary, will continue to assist the Board of Nursing with the administration of the licensing examinations.

### FACULTY RECORDS

Faculty record forms, which are to be completed for new faculty members and submitted within one month of appointment to the Board of Nursing office, are available

upon request from the Board of Nursing office.

### DEFINITION OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER

The Nursing Practice Act of Missouri requires that the applicant for a license to practice as a professional registered nurse or as a practical nurse shall submit to the Missouri State Board of Nursing written evidence of age, of good moral character, and of good physical and mental health.

At their meeting on April 22-23, 1969 the members of the Missouri State Board of Nursing established the policy that an individual convicted of a felony is not considered to be of good moral character and therefore is not eligible to write the State Board Test Pool Examination for licensure in Missouri as a registered professional nurse or as a licensed practical nurse and is not eligible for licensure in Missouri by endorsement from another state.

This decision was reached after many hours of careful deliberation and after discussions at several meetings of the members of the Board of Nursing with the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Board of Nursing. The members of the Board of Nursing established this policy with the advice and consent of the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Board of Nursing.

### STATE BOARD TEST POOL EXAMINATION FOR REGISTERED NURSES

Series 669 of the NLN State Board Test Pool Examination will be administered to all candidates in all jurisdictions beginning June 1, 1969. Series 669 will be administered for one year and will be replaced with a new series beginning June 1, 1970.

Since Series 669 has not been administered previously, scores for this examination will be delayed because of standardization which occurs when a new examination is introduced.

Standardization will take place at the National League for Nursing during the last week of July 1969. Scores will be released to state boards two weeks after July 31 or on approximately August 15. We anticipate that licenses will be issued within two weeks after the scores are received which will be approximately August 29.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN NURSING PRACTICE ACT

The proposed changes in fee structure of the Nursing Practice Act were

Proposed Changes in Nursing Practice Act (Continued)

approved by the Senate on May 27, 1969 and sent to the House. Action in the House is pending.

LICENSURE TO PRACTICE NURSING

We have enclosed with this Newsletter a copy of the leaflet "Licensure to Practice Nursing", which has been published by and is available from the American Nurses' Association, 10 Columbus Circle, New York, N.Y. 10019.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS AND LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

Licensing Examinations for Registered Nurses

Sept. 8-9, 11-12, 15-16, 17-18, 1969  
March 16-17, 1970  
June 1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11, 1970  
Sept. 1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11, 1970

Licensing Examinations for Practical Nurses

October 20-21, 1969  
March 23-24, 1970  
June 18-19, 1970  
October 19-20, 1970

Regular Board Meetings

September 23-24, 1969  
November 17-18, 1969  
January 13-14, 1970  
April 21-22, 1970  
June 16-17, 1970

Annual Meetings with Representatives of Schools of Nursing

Schools of Practical Nursing

September 25, 1969

Schools of Professional Nursing

April 23, 1970

## ENROLLMENT IN PROGRAMS OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING

JULY 1, 1967 TO JUNE 30, 1968

<u>Enrollment during 1967-68 fiscal year</u>	<u>B.B.*</u>	<u>DI.*</u>	<u>A.D.*</u>
Students admitted during fiscal year	280**	1,031	324
Total enrollment	806	2,980	526
Students readmitted	7	33	13
Students admitted as transfer students		24	1
Student withdrawals and separations	103	417	142
Students on leave of absence	8		16
Students graduating	119	775	151
Students to graduate summer 1968		371	17
Students remaining	582	1,832	229

\*B.B. - basic baccalaureate DI. - diploma A.D. - associate degree

\*\*These programs may not include Freshman or Sophomore nursing students

<u>Reason for withdrawal/separation</u>	<u>B.B.*</u>	<u>DI.*</u>	<u>A.D.*</u>
Academic and/or clinical failure	22	138	89
Home and/or family responsibility	1		1
Personal reasons	9	43	7
Health	2	20	9
Marriage and/or pregnancy	8	70	6
Failure to meet regulations		6	4
Financial	4		1
Personality		5	
Dislike nursing	15	76	11
Transfer	21	30	5
Lost interest			6
Other and unknown	21	28	1
Total	103	417	140

## ENROLLMENT IN PROGRAMS OF PRACTICAL NURSING

JULY 1, 1967 TO JUNE 30, 1968

<u>Enrollment during 1967-68 fiscal year</u>	<u>Number</u>
Students in programs as of July 1, 1967	754
Students admitted	925
Students readmitted	26
Students admitted as transfer students	7
Student withdrawals and separations	282*
Students on leave of absence	23
Students graduating	665
Students remaining in programs as of June 30, 1968	762

\*Reasons for students withdrawing or separating from programs of practical nursing during the period, July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968, are listed below.

<u>Reason for withdrawal/separation</u>	<u>Number</u>
Academic and/or clinical failure	115
Home and/or family responsibilities	44
Personal reasons	39
Health	34
Marriage and/or pregnancy	31
Adjustment	14
Financial	11
Personality	10
Disinterest	4
Transfer to professional nursing program	2
Other and unknown	73
Total	387**

\*\*One or more reasons may be recorded for each student

THE REMAINDER OF THIS NEWSLETTER WILL SHARE  
WITH YOU THE STATISTICS PREPARED BY THE  
MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Total Number of Licenses Issued

	<u>1967-68</u>	<u>1966-67</u>
Total number of licenses issued to registered nurses at end of fiscal year	49,931	48,007

Total number of licenses issued to practical nurses at end of fiscal year	13,405	12,618
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<u>Renewal of Licenses</u>	<u>1967-68</u>	<u>1966-67</u>
Total number licenses of registered nurses renewed during the fiscal year	17,816	17,013

Total number licenses of practical nurses renewed during the fiscal year	8,335	7,865
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Total number licenses of obstetric nurses renewed during the fiscal year	13	13
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Licenses Issued by Examination

Registered Nurse Licensing Examination:

Fall 1967	609 candidates
December 1967	104 candidates
March 1968	77 candidates
June 1968	<u>507</u> candidates
Total	1297 candidates

Of the 1297 candidates who wrote the licensing examination for registered nurses during the period July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968, 1136 candidates

Licenses Issued by Examination  
(Continued)

(87.6 per cent) were successful and were issued a license to practice as a registered professional nurse.

Practical Nurse Licensing Examination:

Fall 1967	292 candidates
March 1968	204 candidates
June 1968	<u>168</u> candidates
Total	665

Of the 664 candidates who wrote the licensing examination for practical nurses during the period July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968, 649 candidates (97.7 percent) were successful.

Licensure of Intercounty Applicants

Registered Nurse to Missouri:

Preliminary applications forwarded	118
Preliminary applications completed and returned	57
In process of meeting requirements	67
Licensure granted	15
Licensure pending attaining passing scores on licensing examination	16

Registered nurses Certified to  
Other Countries:

To Canada	6
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